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What is the latest tech in town? AI, of course. Okay, let's see if AI-enabled cameras mounted on patrol vehicles can get rid of city's potholes

PROMISE TO TELL THE HOLE TRUTH

15 AI cameras to scan 300 km length of roads every day

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After failing in all its previous attempts to rid the city of potholes, the BBMP is now claiming that a 'cutting-edge' initiative will help in ensuring better roads. AI-enabled cameras mounted on vehicles will now patrol main streets to assess road conditions from next month. BBMP claims this innovative approach is expected to provide a firsthand look at the state of the city's roads though citizens are skeptical of the solution.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "The cameras will be mounted on the engineers' vehicles and will be used in conjunction with specialised software. These vehicles will cover a total length of 1,400 km of arterial and sub-arterial roads, traveling at a speed of 5 km/h to ensure thorough scanning. To avoid traffic congestion, the vehicles will operate during non-peak hours and will be in operation for about five hours a day. On average, each vehicle will be able to scan up to 20 km of roads per day. With each camera covering approximately 15 km and a total of 15 cameras in use, up to 300 km of roads can be scanned daily. Depending on the effectiveness of this initiative, the system might be expanded to include zonal level roads in the future."

> **"In six zones—Bommanahalli, Mahadevapura, Yelahanka, Bengaluru East, West, and South—potholes are to be filled by May 31. For RR Nagar and Dasarahalli zones, the deadline is June 4**
>
> — BBMP official

BBMP says that this tech-driven strategy aims to enhance road maintenance efficiency and improve overall city infrastructure. Meanwhile Nath also announced a new initiative to identify and fix potholes. "Earlier, we had the Fix My Street app, and we plan to take feedback from people. There were a few loopholes. Learning from our past experiences, we will launch a new app after June 6. The previous app received a lot

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Dilapidated building haunts citizens

Abandoned structure poses peril in Cambridge Layout

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials make it a point to issue periodic statements about conducting a survey on dilapidated buildings in the city, usually right after the occurrence of an unfortunate incident. But soon after issuing the statement, the BBMP tends to forget the existence of such buildings.

For instance, an abandoned and dilapidated building on the 5th Cross of Cambridge Layout has become not only a nuisance but also a health hazard. Senior citizens residing in the vicinity of the building complain of not even being able to have a siesta due to ruckus at the abandoned building, which they say is being used by bad actors.

"The abandoned building has been turned into a destination for garbage dumping too by irresponsible citizens. I have been residing here for four decades. It has become tough for me during the last 10 years due to this structure. Some students from nearby schools gather at this building in the afternoon to smoke and for other activities," said Rajalakshmi Ramesh, a resident.

A resident of the area on the condition of anonymity, demanded that the BBMP demolish the abandoned building and use it for better purposes. "The BBMP became

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Cultural performances

Come witness a visual delight through "Baaro Vasantha," a Bharatanatyam presentation directed by Dr Lalitha Srinivasan, followed by "Sundara Kanda," a mythological play by Pratibha Narayan and team. This event is presented as a part of 'Vasanthotsava 2024,' a week-long cultural festival themed on the spring brought to you by Infosys Foundation and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.. **Where: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; When: May 30, 6 pm**

02 Filmy bytes

This Saturday, watch handpicked shorts and discuss with the crew what all went into making them. Meet, greet, and interact with filmmakers and fellow film lovers. This line-up features the Best of Critics Choice Awards 2024, presented in association with the Film Critics Guild. Films to be screened: Sura (Deity) by Sarthak Hegde, Giddh (The Scavenger) by Manish Saini, and Nocturnal Burger by Reema Maya. **Where: Shoonya, Centre for Art and Somatic Practices**
When: June 1, 6 pm to 8 pm

03 Gond art workshop

Get ready for a joyous fusion of tradition and imagination that promises to ignite your artistic spark with an 'Gond art workshop' by Sindhoor Suryavamshi. Indian Gond Art is a tribal folk art practiced by one of the largest tribes in India, the Gondi from Madhya Pradesh. This community has a unique painting style that makes extensive use of dots, fine lines, dashes, and other geometric shapes. The imagery of these paintings is borderless, bold, and loud. **Where: Atta Galatta; When: June 1, 2 pm**

Pre-monsoon showers in K'taka: The good, bad & ugly

Monsoon to reach Karnataka by June 1–5; 2024 sees increase in rain fatalities compared to past 5 years

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Pre-monsoon rainfall in Karnataka has been favourable, with many districts experiencing above-average precipitation. This early rainfall bodes well for farmers, especially considering the anticipated arrival of the monsoon in Kerala by May 31. The monsoon arrived on June 8 last year, and rainfall was 2 per cent below average. This year, several districts have received rainfall exceeding the average, with some areas recording more than 100 mm of rainfall. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted a normal monsoon for the year, anticipating above-average rainfall in certain regions. Up to now, the state has received 137 mm of rainfall, surpassing the typical 94 mm mark. The IMD expects the monsoon to reach Karnataka by June 1 to 5. Current precipitation levels have been encouraging.

An official said, "This comes as a relief for the state's farmers, especially considering the challenges posed by drought conditions in recent years."

More casualties

However, there have been many casualties from the pre-monsoon showers. In the past month, the state has witnessed 46 fatalities attributed to lightning strikes and heavy rains, marking a stark increase compared to the preceding five years. Over 400 animals have also perished. Reports from the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority revealed that 35 people succumbed to lightning strikes, while seven lost their lives due to incidents such as wall collapses, tree falls, and other causes. Four fatalities were recorded due to house collapses.

This surge in fatalities, particularly from lightning strikes, represents an unprecedented spike compared to previous years, when the average toll ranged between 20 and 30 deaths annually. The loss of animal life has also surged past 200, with rural Bengaluru bearing the brunt with 40 animal deaths reported in a single incident. Other affected regions include Vijayapura with 28 animal casualties, and Tumakuru with 20.

Authorities from the State Disaster Management Authority attribute the impact to the onslaught of pre-monsoon rains, lightning strikes, and thunderstorms. Despite the severity of these natural phenomena, there is a concerning lack of public awareness and preparedness. Weather analyst Sai Shekhar further emphasised the gravity of the situation, citing specific incidents like the 25 animal deaths in Davangere and 21 each in Koppal and Gadag.

KRS is filling up

The recent rainfall has led to a rise in the water level of the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) reservoir. As of Wednesday, the KRS had 83.50 feet of water, against the full reservoir level of 124.80 feet. Officials said that within just 10 days, the water level has increased by four feet, marking a positive change from last year's drought-induced dryness. Previously, the reservoir had hit an all-time low due to the prolonged drought, leaving farmers struggling to irrigate their crops. However, considering this positive trend, the government is contemplating resuming water releases from the reservoir for irrigation purposes.

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Cloudy in Bengaluru

Over the next few days, Bengaluru is forecast to experience generally cloudy skies with a likelihood of light rain. The surface winds are expected to be occasionally strong. The maximum and minimum temperatures are anticipated to hover around 32°C and 22°C, respectively. Dr N Puviarasan, a scientist from the IMD, mentioned that the current synoptic meteorological feature indicates favourable conditions for the onset of monsoons over Kerala within the next 24 hours. Furthermore, the conditions are favourable for the Southwest Monsoon to progress into additional regions such as some parts of the South Arabian Sea, the remaining areas of the Maldives and Comorin, certain portions of Lakshadweep, Kerala, Southwest, and Central Bay of Bengal, the Northeast Bay of Bengal, and parts of the Northeastern states during the same timeframe.

From sky to soil: KSPCB plans to harvest rainwater in city

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) is planning to dig as many as 2.5 lakh groundwater recharge pits in the city to harvest rainwater and improve the groundwater table. According to KSPCB officials, these pits will be dug in government lands, parks, playgrounds, government offices, and public places across the city.

To begin with, the board is aiming to create 25,000 groundwater recharge pits over the coming three months. "We are aiming at digging 25,000 pits immediately, which will also be geo-tagged. Bengaluru faced a severe water crisis this summer, mainly due to the depletion of groundwater because of over-exploitation. While we cannot stop urbanisation, we can come up with such strategies to effectively conserve water," said a senior KSPCB official.

Syed Khaja, Zonal Officer, KSPCB, said that the initiative is along the lines of the 'Clay Ganesha' initiative by the board, which was aimed at making a Guinness world record. The initiative will be launched on the occasion of World Environment Day and conclude by September 24. The idea of these pits was shared at an interactive stakeholder meeting organised by the board to facilitate the sale and usage of excess treated waste water from apartments and IT companies to construction sites. KSPCB has decided to come up with an application-based solution to connect entities with excess treated wastewater to ongoing construction projects. "The application will be similar to the application used by cab aggregators. Any tanker with a specific design and colour code and an attached tertiary treatment system can be a part of aggregation. Details on the quality of treated water will be made available at the point of collection and delivery through an online continuous monitoring system in the mobile application. This will be the first of its kind initiative," said Khaja. Over a month ago, the state government allowed apartment complexes in the city to sell a maximum of 50 per cent of treated water collected from their Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs). "As per the study conducted by researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), treated wastewater is safe to be used in the construction industry," added Khaja. **— BMB**

File photo of RWH pits in Lalbagh

Tech ok: Traffic needs human touch

Citizens and police agree just detecting violations using technology will not create safer roads

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Technological enforcement alone is insufficient to reduce traffic violations in Bengaluru, Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, Traffic and Road Safety, said on Wednesday, after traffic police's special drive helped capture multiple violations.

Police detected traffic violations such as 417 cases of drunken driving, 640 instances of triple riding, 610 cases of passengers ferried in goods vehicles, and 5,639 cases of riding without a helmet. Alok Kumar emphasised on the critical need for everyone to follow traffic rules to save lives, highlighting that technological enforcement alone cannot ensure road safety.

Commuters said that the use of technology is for detecting violations but police need to take action according to the severity of the violation.

"Other steps are freeing up footpaths, awareness on jaywalking, enforcing strict lane discipline and making road space available by enforcing parking rules, and making odd-even parking systems," said Subhash, a citizen.

Another citizen said that despite the implementation of AI and ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) systems, traffic violations in Bengaluru and on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway remain prevalent.

"Motorists are frequently seen driving on the wrong side of the road, running red lights at unmanned intersections even when cameras are operational, speeding whenever possible, and neglecting to wear helmets. Many riders opt for non-ISI mark helmets merely to evade traffic police, undermining road safety measures," said Dave.

He added that the responsibility for road safety now heavily falls on the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and state transport departments.

"They must introduce stringent driving licence (DL) processes that address the capabilities required for handling modern high-powered vehicles, including turbo motors and electric vehicles (EVs). Currently, individuals often obtain their licences after learning to drive in old, underpowered cars with worn-out brakes. Upon receiving their DLs, they frequently upgrade to much more powerful SUVs or fast EVs, which possess significantly greater power than the vehicles they used for learning," he added.

> **The use of technology is good for detecting violations but police need to take action according to the severity of violation**
>
> –Commuter

Some citizens also suggest that to improve road safety, the driving licence process should assess drivers' ability to handle higher-capacity vehicles.

Licences should be issued according to the category of automobile, ensuring that drivers are qualified to operate the specific type of vehicle. This also applies to motorcycles, as many new models exceed 350cc, with some reaching up to 1,600cc. The DL requirements must be updated to reflect the specifications of these higher-capacity motorcycles, ensuring that licences are appropriate for the vehicles being driven.

"Incidents like the Pune Porsche case highlight the risks of allowing inexperienced drivers, particularly teenagers, to operate high-powered vehicles. A robust, category-wise licensing system mandated by MoRTH, along with strict regulations and substantial fines, could significantly enhance road safety," said a citizen.

IN BRIEF

Bomb hoax at airport

A note discovered in the men's restroom of Terminal 1 at Kempegowda International Airport on Wednesday claiming that a bomb had been placed in the airport created a flutter. This discovery prompted a swift and intense response from security agencies and the police. However, after thorough inspections of both terminals, the threat was declared a hoax at approximately 7 am.

An airport insider stated that the incident did not disrupt flight operations. A security official said the person who found the note notified airport staff, who then alerted security. The Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad were quickly deployed. **BMB**

Prajwal to fly back, police set

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) sources confirmed on Wednesday that the prime accused in the sex video scandal, JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, has booked a flight ticket to India on May 31.

Sources said Prajwal Revanna had booked a ticket with Lufthansa Airlines and was expected to reach Bengaluru at around12.30 am Friday. The ticket has been booked from Munich, Germany. In a video released earlier, he had said that he would present himself before the SIT at 10 am Friday. SIT sleuths are preparing to arrest Prajwal as soon as he lands at the airport. **IANS**

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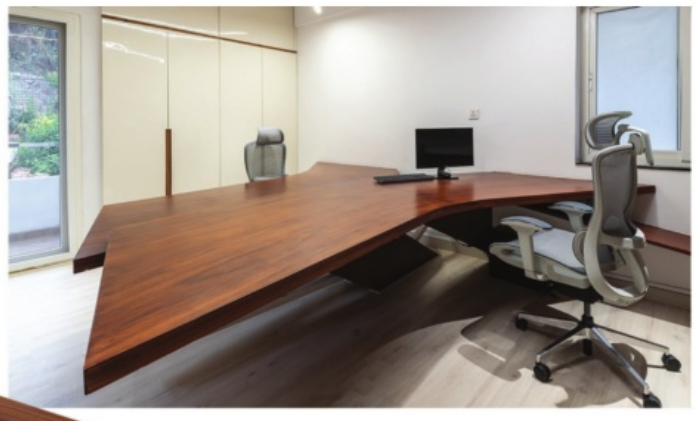

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BBMP & KFD join forces to save Puttenahalli Lake

Lake walkers emphasise on careful construction to safeguard flora and fauna

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File photo of the walking path around the Puttenahalli Lake after a spell of rain recently

A collaborative effort between senior officials from BBMP and the Karnataka Forest Department involved a joint examination of Yelahanka Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Reserve (YPL). A consensus was reached, leading to the decision to install a 560-metre pipeline beneath the lake's mud walk path. The inspection was led by the chief commissioner of BBMP, along with the Principal Secretary (Forests) and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) from KFD.

"A decision has been made to lay down a pipeline under the walking path to divert entry of sewage into the lake. This turned out to be the only way out to protect the water body. Work has started on war footing and the walking path will be restored by BBMP soon. It will be a mud path and there will not be any inspection chambers on the walkway or inside the lake's premises," said Kumar Pushkar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), KFD.

SK Malkhede, principal chief conservator of forests (wildlife) of Karnataka said the department will take up suitable measures to ensure that the bird conservation reserve maintains the perfect condition ."We have transformed this lake into a pristine waterbody with great difficulty over the years. We will ensure it is maintained so," said Malkhede.

However, lake walkers have raised concerns stating that any work inside the lake premises must ensure no damage to the flora and fauna during the process. "Any work inside the lake premises must ensure that the sewage does not enter the lake and there is no damage to the flora and fauna during the process. It is also important that the movement of heavy machinery and handling and disposal of the earth are done with utmost care to avoid damaging the plants and other vegetation. Additionally, it should be ensured that the design of the work eliminates any long-term chances of sewage entering the lake," said an occupant of the area who is a regular visitor at YPL.

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> –Kumar Pushkar, KFD

Notably, the lake was home to over 150 species of birds before 2008. However, the numbers dropped to less than 50 species after an episode of sewage inflow in 2012. It went under rejuvenation and it took more than six years for the number of bird species to grow back to 135.

Locals highlight the risk of sewage influx threatening the lake's ecosystem and its role as a bird sanctuary. With YPL as Bengaluru's sole bird conservation reserve, both the government and citizens must prioritise biodiversity protection through enhanced precautions.

"Just when we felt that we are well on our way to bringing back the lake's lost glory, we are facing the same sewage situation that we faced back in 2012," said another citizen.

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Puttenahalli Lake was revived in 2019 due to dedicated efforts of citizens, careful planning by experts from IISc. But slowly, as those who care watch on helplessly, matters are deteriorating

SLIME & GRIME AGAIN

Storm water drain left open at boundary of lake blamed for current state

BM had highlighted the issue of sewage flow into Puttenahalli Lake on May 25

Unregulated PGs create night chaos in Whitefield

Dire living conditions in cramped PGs drive occupants outside, exacerbating late-night disturbances

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Clustered buildings in Whitefield

Whitefield locals are troubled by unauthorised PG accommodations leading to street disturbances, including late-night loitering, noisy gatherings, and disruptive celebrations. Despite multiple complaints to authorities, the problem persists. Locals report that the regular nuisance of late-night loitering by PG occupants, illegal street vendors, and unlicensed restaurants operating well into the night is widespread, disrupting residential areas.

"City administration shows complete disregard for law and order. BBMP's failure to enforce regulations is at the root of the issue. Illegal construction of PG accommodations goes unchecked, leading to the proliferation of slum-like conditions. Illegal businesses thrive without consequence, despite court orders and public outcry. Once peaceful neighborhoods are now plagued by disturbances, transforming into undesirable slums." said Sandeep Anirudhan Convenor of Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru

He expressed sympathy for those residing in PG 'slums', noting their dire living conditions due to cramped construction, leading to a lack of ventilation and light. This discomfort forces inhabitants to spend their time outdoors, contributing to the late-night loitering issue. He further mentioned that the occupants of PG 'slums' gather in groups in well-organised residential areas, engaging in disruptive behaviours such as loitering on footpaths, playing games, celebrating birthdays, consuming alcohol in public, engaging in public displays of affection, and littering, resulting in ongoing issues.

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Jayanagar

The road outside a popular hotel on 2nd Main, 7th Block, Jayanagar, has been reduced by 3 feet. This forces customers to park across the street and navigate traffic. Concerned locals seek prompt resolution.

Unfinished repairs
Hegganahalli

BWSSB removed all cement blocks at Hegganahalli Cross, Sanjeevininagar, but failed to replace them properly, leaving the area open and unattended.

BESCOM hazard
Nagarabhavi

An underground BESCOM cable at the junction of the 5th Main and 4th Cross of the NGEF Layout, has not been covered adequately. This poses a danger if the high-voltage cable's insulation comes off.

Escape virtual, explore & engage in real world

Schools issue advisories, ask parents to take measures to prevent mobile addiction in children

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As the new academic session begins, schools have issued advisories to parents, urging them to take steps to reduce their children's mobile phone usage. The advisory highlights the alarming trend of many children spending excessive time on mobile phones and other devices, which leads to decreased physical activity and increased health problems. Consequently, parents are encouraged to actively engage in activities with their children and ensure they avoid unhealthy habits.

D Shashi Kumar, the general secretary of the Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools, pointed out that parents need to be aware of the increased social media activity among their children. He noted that children are using various social media platforms under different names without their parents' knowledge, along with engaging in online shopping, gaming, and gambling, which is a growing concern. "Many educational institutions have reported such instances, highlighting the need for parents to monitor and regulate their children's online activities to ensure their brighter future. Moreover, apart from academic concerns, children are spending excessive time on mobile phones and electronic devices, leading to a decline in physical activity and a rise in health issues."

Indeed, many educators and parents have observed a common concern regarding students becoming nomophobic. School authorities have noted that during regular parent-teacher meetings (PTMs), the most prevalent issue raised is students' addiction to mobile phones, which negatively impacts their academic performance and daily routines. A

first-grade teacher mentioned that during a recent PTM, approximately 90 per cent of parents expressed concerns about their children's excessive mobile phone use, requesting strict measures to be taken in class.

Avinash Gowda, a parent, mentioned that children nowadays are more inclined towards mobile phones. This shift could be attributed to the convenience of on-demand video viewing and the handheld nature of mobile phones, making them easily accessible in various positions. However, parents find it challenging to curb their children's mobile phone usage, as some exhibit withdrawal symptoms when their phones are taken away. Devika R, another parent, said that during the period of online classes, they encouraged children to use mobile phones for managing their studies, but this habit has persisted. Several factors contribute to this difficulty, including concerns about the content children access, the impact on physical health leading to obesity and eye problems, and the challenge of persuading them to engage in physical activities outdoors.

> **Children are spending excessive time on mobile phones and electronic devices, leading to decline in physical activity and rise in health issues**
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> –D Shashi Kumar, KAMS general secretary

Tackling problems

The School Education Department is considering the implementation of mobile-free days in schools, during which students would be required to abstain from using gadgets. School Education Minister BC Nagesh recently stressed the need to reintroduce students to outdoor activities, as many have become overly reliant on mobile games, neglecting physical games. Child rights experts have also advised parents to monitor their children's social media usage, as they have received numerous complaints regarding addiction to online content. Additionally, a village in Athani taluk, bordering Maharashtra, has taken a proactive step by banning the use of mobiles and TVs for children between 7 and 9 pm every day.

Paperwork trouble brings misery to second-hand car owner

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Are you one of those mulling to buy a pre-owned car? If so, ensure all the documents related to the pre-owned vehicle are transferred to your name. Otherwise, you have to struggle like Yashawanth DC, a resident of VS Garden on Ejipura Main Road.

Yashawanth purchased a Hyundai i20 Asta car bearing registration No. KA-04-MQ-3942 on December 17, 2021. "The people at the Malleswaram showroom had assured me to transfer the documents to my name in 45 days but failed to do so even after four months. I visited the showroom at Malleswaram and the office situated at Marathahalli, but in vain. Later, police seized the vehicle after a road accident. I informed the people at the pre-owned showroom (Spinny) at Marathahalli and Malleswaram about the incident. They promised to fix the problem but did nothing," he said.

According to the complaint lodged with the IV Additional District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Bengaluru, the car met with an accident on April 19, 2022, when Yashavanth's brother-in-law had taken the car for a drive wherein a person riding a bike succumbed to injuries, and the Begur Police registered a FIR. "The car remained at Begur

Condition of the pre-owned car post accident

> **People purchasing pre-owned cars must ensure that all documents are transferred to their names within the stipulated time**
>
> –Yashawanth DC, pre-owned car owner

Police Station for eight months. Finally, I made arrangements for its repair and spent Rs 6,12,000. I approached advocate Bonny Karyappa to issue a legal notice to those responsible for the delay in transferring all the documents to my name," he said. A complaint was filed before the commission on February 4, 2023, seeking compensation, to which the commission passed an order (CC No. 38/2023) on April 23, 2024, directing the opposite parties to pay Rs 6,50,000 along with interest at six percent per annum from the date of the accident until payment to the complainant.

"The opposition parties are directed to pay compensation of Rs 50,000 for deficiency in service and also pay a sum of Rs 10,000 towards the cost of litigation," said Ramachandra MS, president, IV Additional District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

Yashawanth has said that he approached the Consumer Redressal Forum as there was no response from the people who sold the vehicle to him. "I do not want others to undergo the trauma I underwent due to the apathy and negligence of people at the showroom. I want those who purchase pre-owned cars to ensure that all documents are transferred to their names within the stipulated time," he said.

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Unsafe structure attracts dubious elements

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active for a few days when two buildings collapsed in 2021. The BBMP Chief Commissioner ordered a survey of old structures in the city. No one knows what has happened to the survey report on old structures," the resident said.

Expressing concern over the condition of the dilapidated building, Tulasi Chandramouli, a resident, said the building has become a health hazard too. "One can see so many rats and bandicoots on the building premises. Accumulated garbage is a breeding place for mosquitoes. The BBMP must ensure the building is free from garbage. This building is also being used as an open urinal," said Chandramouli.

The residents said the building was used to provide training for women more than two decades ago but later it was shut down. "We have been appealing to the authorities to demolish the old structure and convert it into a park for five years. There was an attempt to demolish the building but it was stopped due to reasons best known to the authorities," said Sudhakar S, vice president, Someshwarapura Welfare Association.

Shiva Kumar V, a social activist, said the people who reside near that building are suffering a lot. "The BBMP may as well demolish the structure and use the land for public purposes. If not, it will become a health hazard for the residents on the 5th Cross," said Shiva Kumar.

However, the BBMP engineer was not available for comment.

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BBMP makes yet another pothole promise

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lot of messages, but the new app will allow updates from citizens, traffic police, marshalls, and engineers. Currently officials are being given training for AI-equipped vehicles. Feedback from the public, traffic police, and other officials will be collated."

The BBMP has also set a new deadline for fixing potholes. In six zones—Bommanahalli, Mahadevapura, Yelahanka, Bengaluru East, West, and South—potholes are to be filled by May 31. For RR Nagar and Dasarahalli zones, the deadline is June 4.

Nath claimed that 1,500 potholes have been filled so far, with another 4,000 still needing attention. In total, there are 6,100 potholes in the city, with 2,500 in RR Nagar and Dasarahalli zones.

Bengalureans are skeptical about the new round of 'empty promises'. "We've seen BBMP impose 'self-imposed' deadlines before. In 2023, there were deadlines for November 30 and December 31 to make Bengaluru pothole-free. Traveling across the city, you can't help but wonder if there are roads amidst the potholes or potholes amidst the roads. These deadlines seem meaningless because they are never met," said Prasanna Kumar, a resident of Nagarbhavi.

Previous ambitions

BBMP had once incentivised residents with cash prizes for reporting potholes on newly resurfaced roads, but the absence of such contests now suggests a lack of confidence in their efforts, likely to avoid financial losses. Road experts highlight the need for a thorough analysis of why the city's roads deteriorate so quickly and why potholes keep reappearing. They point to the substandard quality of the foundational layer, made of various-sized crushed stones, as the main issue. This weak base layer compromises the integrity of the bitumen surface, leading to the formation of potholes.

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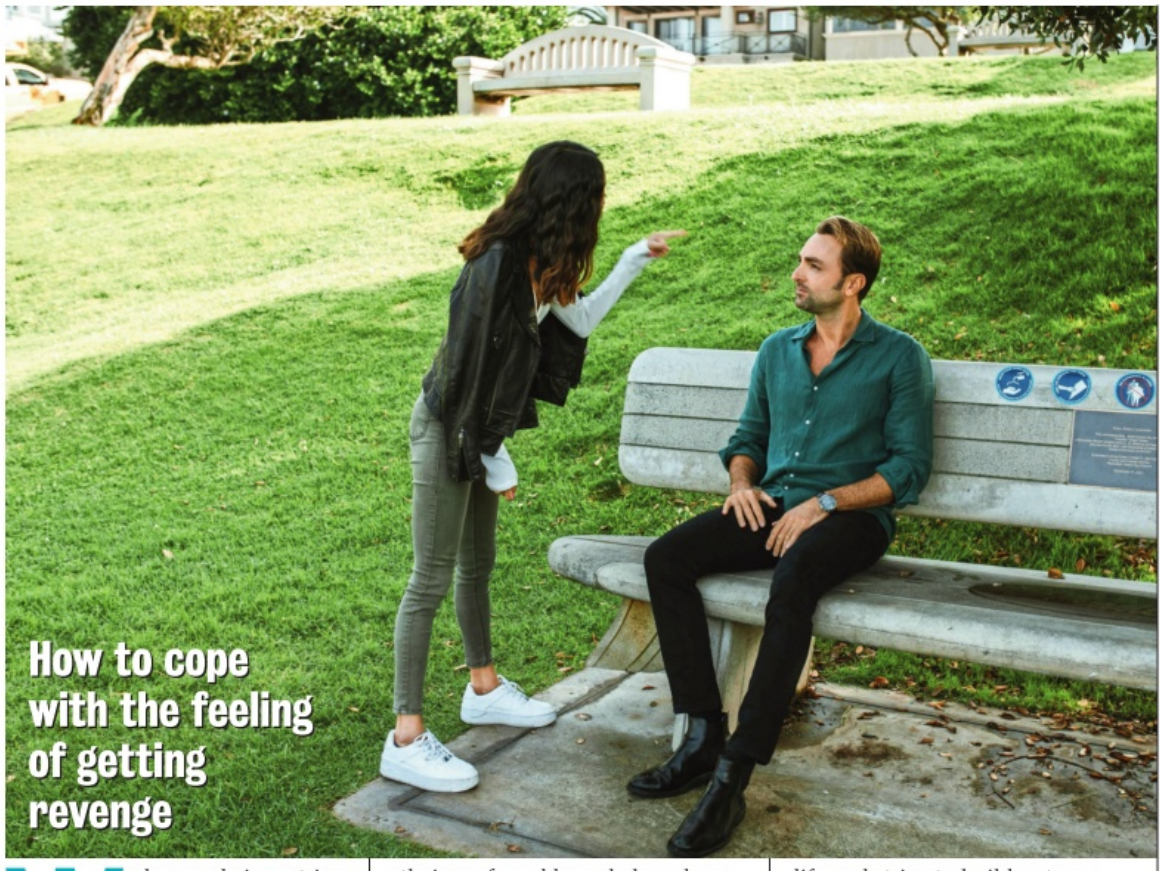


How to cope with the feeling of getting revenge

We human beings strive to reach that point where we can dissolve the urge to compete or prove something to someone and live with bliss in the embrace of success.

Revenge is a primal instinct and it ties one to their past and promotes more suffering. One starts finding a sense of accomplishment when the other person's life is getting derailed. It is also possible that someone's actions towards them were perceived as harmful and now they are plotting their vengeance in return.

The spiritual and self-improvement community are sharing their profound knowledge where everyone wants to quiet their inner demons, maybe face them and reach that point of ultimate zen. Does achieving zen help us in getting detached from the feeling of getting revenge? Although we are born with no innate sense of detachment, we are compelled to learn that as we grow up. As cerebral creatures, we have an instinct to get attached to the purpose we are driven towards and that's completely normal. The researchers at Boston University found that children are programmed to seek retaliation against a specific individual at a much earlier age.

As we navigate our day-to-day life and strive to build a strong legacy we tend to see revenge eye to eye in the mirror, building up like a fireball waiting to get catapulted to someone.

Here we are belting out a few healthy ways to cope with that feeling of getting revenge,

Don't let it be a lost cause

Even though getting revenge might feel sweet one might notice that it is short-lived. Rather than obsessing over getting revenge, one can direct that energy towards a project or something like that. Throughout the decades in the past, we have seen how the boiling anger in society can create a revolutionary movement. Revenge has power and it can potentially help the community to rise up and flourish into something better.

Prioritise and streamline

After feeling hurt or getting betrayed, feeling inclined to get revenge might feel very rewarding but it isn't a constructive course of action to proceed with. Prioritising your present moment by taking ethical actions is in your hands. Ask yourself - "What can you prioritise now?"

Don't react

Take a pause, unplug if you can and let your mind calm down. Make sure you are making any decisions when your mind is in a calmer terrain. Reacting to the trolls and haters will just nudge them to provoke you constantly. Resisting that impulse to react can help you make mature decisions.

Confident lifestyle

Maintaining a healthy routine and looking after your well-being can help you rise above. Directing that fire towards building some muscles can work wonders. In short, living your best life with grace is the best revenge.

Over the years we have witnessed some cultural defining moments like a famous personality donning a revenge dress to a pop star writing a song about an ex.

Getting revenge has always been mainstream and it has weaved through the fabric of the current world.

But as an individual, we hope that the above-mentioned ways can help you in coping with that feeling of getting revenge in a healthy manner.

—by Vrushali Khadilkar, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Know about inherent risks of getting inked

Love to get tattooed? Beware, the ink and needle used may raise your risk of getting diseases like Hepatitis B, C, HIV, and even cancers of the liver and blood, warned doctors on Wednesday.

Tattoos have become very popular, especially among the youth, as a form of body art and a means of expressing their thoughts or passion.

"The most obvious health concerns emanate from the use of possibly infected needles used to draw these tattoos in non-expert hands & the risk of contracting infections like Hepatitis B, C or even HIV," Suhail Qureshi, Additional Director & Unit Head - Medical Oncology, Fortis Hospital Shalimar Bagh, told IANS.

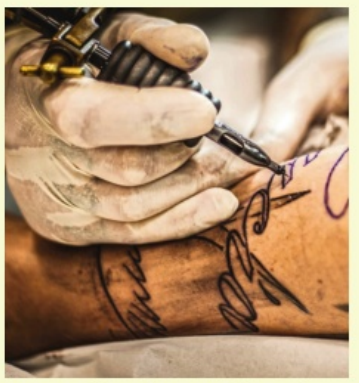
In a recent study of 11,905 individuals, by researchers at Lund University in Sweden, tattooed individuals were found to have a higher risk of lymphoma.

The risk of lymphoma was highest in individuals with less than two years since their first tattoo.

The risk associated with tattoo exposure seemed to be highest for large B-cell lymphoma and follicular lymphoma.

"This is because the tattoo ink, which may contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) -- a known carcinogen, is injected into the skin. The body treats it as a foreign object that should not be there, and the immune system gets activated. A large part of the ink is transported away from the skin, to the lymph nodes where it is deposited," Tushar Tayal, Consultant, Internal Medicine, CK Birla Hospital, Gurugram, told IANS.

Recently, Australia's Department of Health also surveyed the



composition of tattoo inks and found a mismatch between the labelling and the contents.

They found PAHs in 20 per cent of the samples tested and in 83 per cent of the black inks. Other hazardous components found in the inks included heavy metals like mercury, barium, copper, amines, and various colourants.

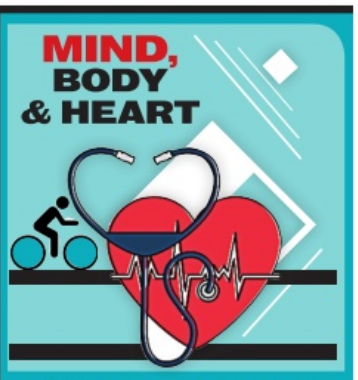
"These hazardous chemicals may cause simple ailments like skin problems to the more dangerous skin cancers," Suhail said.

He explained that the "ink may get absorbed from the dermis (outer layer of the skin) into the lymphatic system of the body and may increase the risk of some other cancers like liver, urinary bladder as well as blood cancers like lymphoma and leukaemia".

The hazardous chemicals in the tattoo ink are primarily responsible for these dangerous ailments and until the time health care authorities strictly regulate the contents of such inks, this risk will always remain.

"While not all tattoo inks contain these cancer-causing chemicals, we need to exercise caution while getting a tattoo since in India, there are no regulatory frameworks that govern this," Suhail said.

— IANS



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Pollution & mental health

Kids at risk

Children exposed to air pollution could be at higher risk of experiencing mental health problems, including depression and psychosis, as youths, a new research has found.

The study examined the long-term effects of children being exposed to air and noise pollution while in mother's womb, early childhood and teenage.

Three common problems

The effects on three common mental health problems were analysed -- anxiety, depression and psychosis, a mental state in which an individual loses touch with reality and can experience hallucinations.

Researchers, led by those at the University of Bristol, UK, found that for every 0.72 micrograms per cubic metre increase in PM2.5 pollutants in the air during pregnancy, the chances of experiencing psychosis increased by 11 per cent, while those of experiencing depression increased by 10 per cent.

For the same exposure during childhood, the chances of psychosis were found to increase by 9 per cent.

Major concern

The findings are published in The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Network Open.

"This is a major concern, because air pollution is now such a common exposure, and rates of mental health problems are increasing globally," the study said.

Interventions

"Given that pollution is also a preventable exposure, interventions to reduce exposure, such as low emissions zones, could potentially improve mental health," said lead author Joanne Newbury from the University of Bristol.

Exposure to pollution could be rapidly reduced by making targeted interventions available for vulnerable groups, including pregnant women and children, Newbury said.

—PTI

Under their wing: Initiative boosts bird habitat at Gangashetty Lake

Plantation drive undertaken with aim to attract more birds

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In an effort to enhance the biodiversity and ecological balance of the island in Gangashetty Lake, a group of volunteers has undertaken a plantation drive aimed at attracting more birds, especially migratory species. This initiative follows a successful similar effort at Seegehalli Lake, which saw a notable increase in avian visitors after the planting of the trees.

Balaji Raghotham, a lake volunteer, highlighted the importance of such initiatives. "Our primary goal is to create a welcoming habitat for birds on the lake's island. Trees not only provide food and shelter but also contribute to the overall health of the lake ecosystem," he said.

Over the past year, 60 saplings have already been planted around the lake, with the ultimate goal of reaching 100. This latest round of planting commenced with the onset of the monsoon, which ensures adequate water supply for the new saplings. Among the trees being planted are peepal, jackfruit, and various fruit-bearing species, all chosen for their ability to support bird life.

Gangashetty Lake, which underwent a significant restoration last year, has been at the centre of community conservation efforts. "Last year, we planted around 500 saplings around the lake. However, the island portion was inaccessible due to receding water levels. With the monsoon, we can now extend our efforts to the island," said Raghotham.

The creation of islands within the lake, as requested by the volunteers from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), aims to provide safe nesting and resting spots for birds. These islands are particularly beneficial as they remain undisturbed by human activity, making them ideal places for bird species.

Volunteers plant various kind of saplings at the Gangashetty Lake premises

"By creating a more hospitable environment for birds, we are also enriching the experience for people and fostering a deeper link with nature

–Balaji Raghotham, lake activist

Bird species that have been observed frequenting Seegehalli Lake include the Asian Openbill Stork, Painted Stork, and Herons, among various other species. Similarly, the volunteers are aiming to witness these birds at Gangashetty Lake in the upcoming days. "By creating a more hospitable environment for birds, we are also enriching the experience for the local community and fostering a deeper connection with nature. We are looking forward to seeing a flourishing bird population at Gangashetty Lake," added Raghotham.

Upgrade for DLs, RCs

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In compliance with the MoRTH notification of 2019, Karnataka is planning to make the shift from polyvinyl chloride cards to polycarbonate (PC) cards for both driving licence and registration cards.

These cards are expected to have a more durable design and information will be more legible. The card will be laser printed on the back and front with the required information for compliance with the rules.

Recently, the transport department floated a tender for the selection of a technical consultant to provide consulting services for a new smart card project.

The cards will be multi-layered using a pure polycarbonate layer, fused (laminated) with heat and pressure without any adhesive.

Current PVC cards only have imprints on the back side but now there will be information engraved on both sides. The header of the card would read 'Indian Driving Union Licence issued by the State RTO. Both DL and RCs will have IC chips as well as QR codes on the back of the cards. The QR codes will facilitate the reading of the details from the online server by scanning it.

It won't be mandatory to replace existing cards with new ones

The front will contain basic details about the driver such as name, licence number, address, blood group, organ donor, parent's name, date of issuance and validity. The reverse side will contain details such as the type of licence issued, QR code and emergency contact number. RCs too would have information engraved on both sides.

According to transport officials, it won't be mandated to replace the existing cards with new cards. New PC cards will be issued to new applications or during the renewal process.

The CERT-in certified manufacturers will be supplying the cards with Smart Card Operating (COSTCA) enabled and inbuilt with the smart chip. The cards will be sanctified by the transport department using a key management system. Further, the DL/RCs will be issued via post from the head office instead of the individual RTOs.

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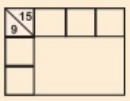
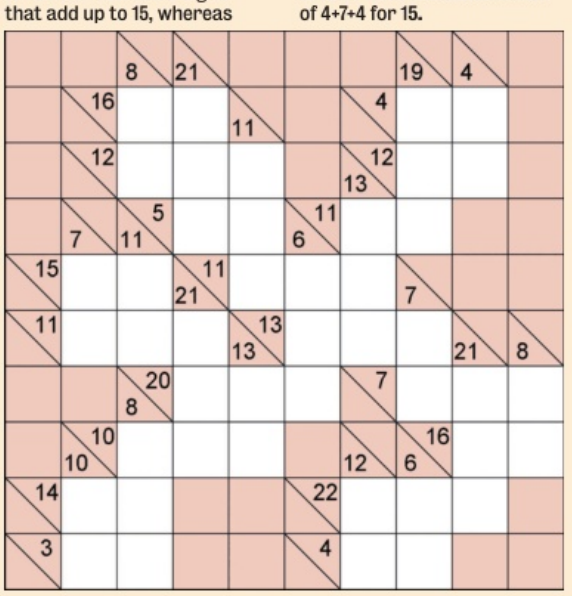
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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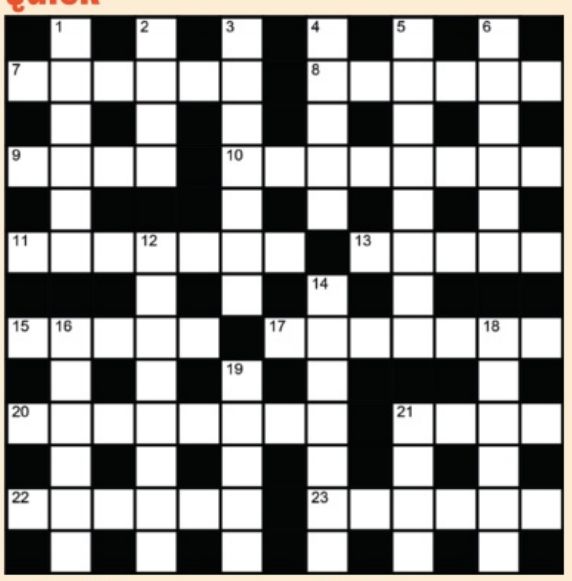


ACROSS

7 Japanese emperor (6)
8 Motionless (6)
9 Decree (4)
10 In a hasty or hurried manner (8)
11 Winning a trick by using a trump (7)
13 Reposes (5)
15 Spanish farewell (5)
17 Twist (7)
20 Be without defects (8)
21 Item (4)
22 The elephants for the Mysore Dussehra were trained at this camp (6)
23 Ten per cent taxes of the days gone by ? (6)

DOWN

1 Surroundings (6)
2 Entranced (4)
3 Stirring (7)
4 Inquired of (5)
5 Most convenient (8)
6 Reddish blue colour (6)
12 Boots, shoes etc. (8)
14 Pampers or fondles (7)
16 English composer (6)
18 Attacked, struck or invaded (6)
19 Some kind of a nut (5)
21 As many as (2,2)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS D

PI QZDJO SHH SEDTB SXB, ETB PI NDIOZ'B QZDJ JPSB PI HLQIO.

Linemaro

Are you Greek? You look like a goddess to me

Mindchow

Happiness is like a butterfly, which when pursued is just beyond your grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you

Joke of the day

A government is the only known vessel that leaks from the top

Loop

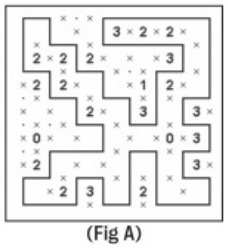
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

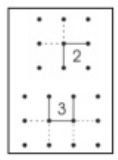
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

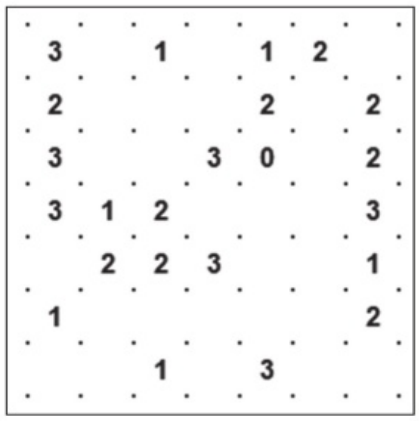
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



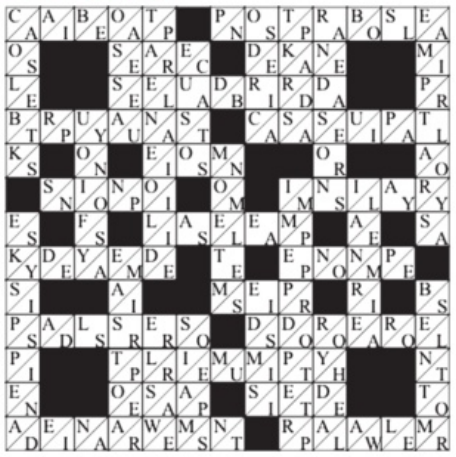
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



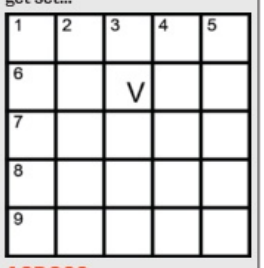
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

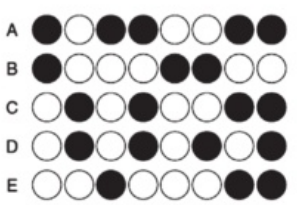
1 SB Los; 6 Evict; 7 No ade; 8 Litre; 9 Prism

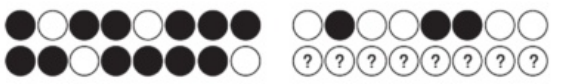
DOWN

1 Scrap; 2 Niler; 3 Olio V; 4 Imbed; 5 Tests

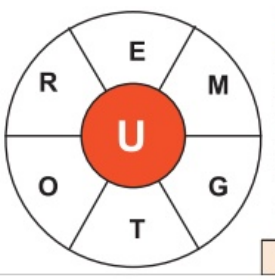
Mensapuzzle

Which set of diagrams below should replace the question marks?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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7	1			8	3	2		
				1	2	5		
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5			2		6			8
			3			7		4
		6	8	3				
		4	6	2			7	3
3					5			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

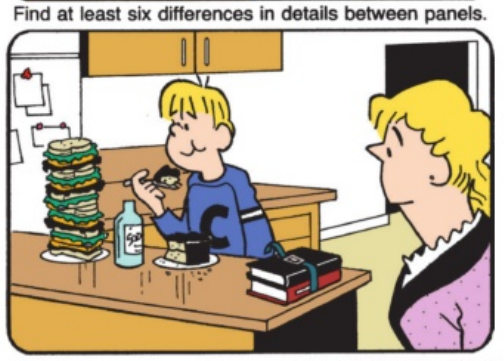
Easy = 9
2 3 5 9

Medium = 4
3 6 7 8

Hard = 25
4 7 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



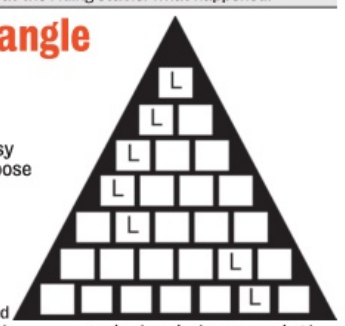
Differences: 1. Books are moved. 2. Earring is added. 3. Sandwich is taller. 4. Cake is reversed. 5. Outlet is missing. 6. Cabinet is not as wide.

Riddler

It was a beautiful day, and Mary had just gotten home with her new horse, so she decided to go for a ride. She had spent several days, before purchasing the horse, riding and getting to know him and felt confident of his stability. When Mary went to saddle him, he reared back on his halter rope, broke loose and ran away. Mary was startled and surprised. Even though she had never saddled a horse on her own, she had seen it done many times at the riding stable. What happened?

Alpha triangle

1 The 12th letter
2 French article
3 Sheltered side
4 Onion-like herb
5 Smooth and glossy
6 Prepares to propose
7 Doghouses

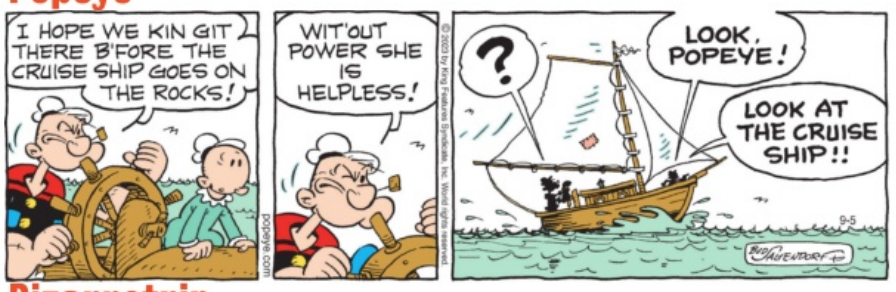


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

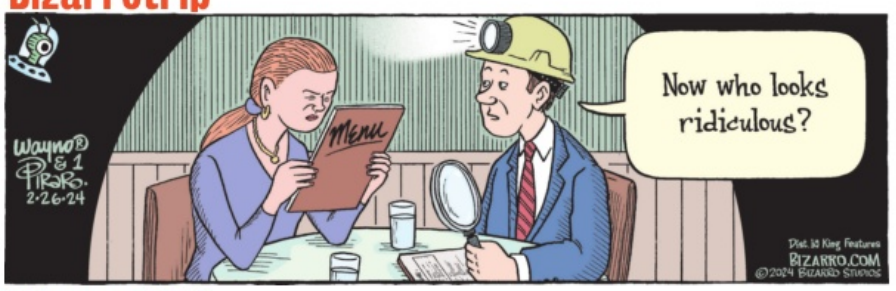
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

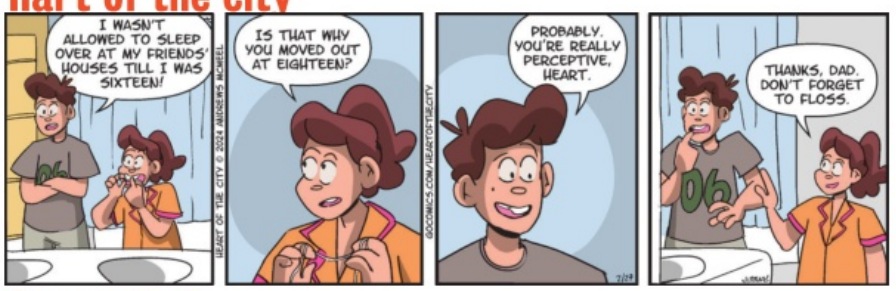

I HOPE WE KIN GIT THERE B'FORE THE CRUISE SHIP GOES ON THE ROCKS!
WIT'OUT POWER SHE IS HELPLESS!
?
LOOK, POPEYE!
LOOK AT THE CRUISE SHIP!!
9-5

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


I WASN'T ALLOWED TO SLEEP OVER AT MY FRIENDS' HOUSES TILL I WAS SIXTEEN!
IS THAT WHY YOU MOVED OUT AT EIGHTEEN?
PROBABLY. YOU'RE REALLY PERCEPTIVE, HEART.
THANKS, DAD. DON'T FORGET TO FLOSS.
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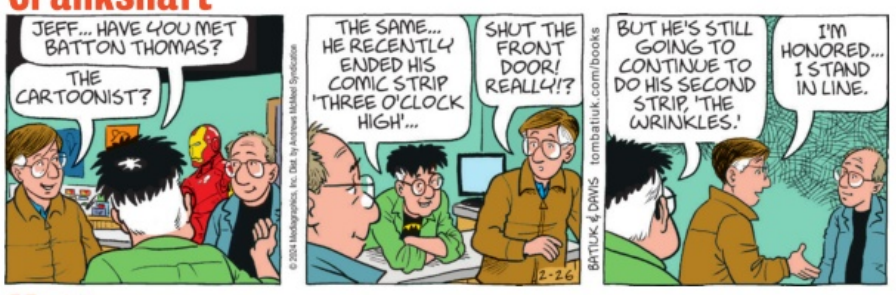
Crankshaft


JEFF... HAVE YOU MET BATTON THOMAS?
THE CARTOONIST?
THE SAME... HE RECENTLY ENDED HIS COMIC STRIP 'THREE O'CLOCK HIGH'...
SHUT THE FRONT DOOR! REALLY!?
BUT HE'S STILL GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO HIS SECOND STRIP, 'THE WRINKLES.'
I'M HONORED... I STAND IN LINE.
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may hear good news in terms of an occupation. Job seekers may be focused on cracking an interview with the help of hard work. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may have some good news in terms of childbirth.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may plan for a change in place, but it is advised to postpone the decision related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investing in business. By late evening, the situation may be under control, and with the help of good advice from one of the elders, you may control the messy situation.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have good patience; meditation may help you increase concentration, which will speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you, which may help you complete the project on time. There may be some short trips related to work. You may likely meet an influential person who may help you boost your business.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may spend money to buy some creative or artistic artefacts to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may implement some new plans in your family business, and it will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy with family or social get-togethers.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. Today, this is your challenge to avoid straightforwardness. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics; otherwise, there may be some disputes in the family. Job seekers may find a suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are not blessed by the moon. You may feel unhappy, you may become impatient, and you may find it difficult to perform your tasks and not be able to fulfil your desires. You want to be detached from the given responsibility, so you may not be able to complete any tasks.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Work-related pressure may vanish, and your earnings may be converted into profits now. You are likely to invest for a long time. You may get an overseas work order, which may give you financial benefits in the future. You may find your soulmate. Students may hear good news about their academics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, so you may perform well in your professional field. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of your colleagues. Intellectual and financial investments may start yielding profits now, which may increase your confidence levels. You may also use your wisdom to gain benefits.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon and may think positively. You are inclined towards spiritualism, so you may plan to visit a religious place. Your spiritual power may make you happy. You may also take an interest in occult science. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself and try to discuss them with those who may understand your feelings.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel nervous, you may lack patience, and you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also gain in-depth knowledge on a subject, or you may have a good focus on your research. Chanting a mantra may help you in this situation.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may help you improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your business and work, which will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Lovebirds are advised to be clear in their opinions with each other to make their future bright.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Your performance may be praised by your seniors, and you may expect promotions. Money that was stuck is likely to be recovered now, which may help increase liquidity in the business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters, too. In partnerships, many issues are likely to be resolved now.

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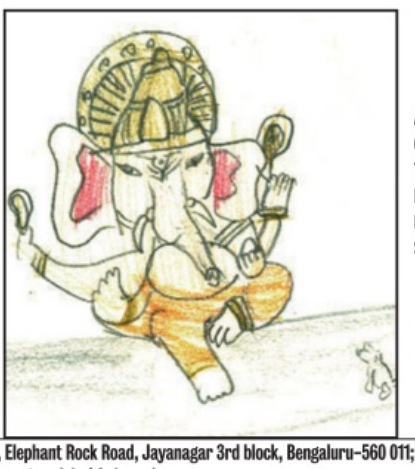
Asfiya Sarwar, 12 Years, Manahil English School



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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
Mary tried to saddle her horse from the wrong side. Most horses are trained for the left, and Mary had gone to the right side. Horses are binocular; meaning they see independently with each eye. If they are not trained to accept things from both sides they can easily become frightened when approached with something that eye may see as new.

SOLVE IN 1M
= 72–36–2+18–64
= +90–102= –12
= 36–2+18–64
= 34+18–64
= 52–64
= –12

FAST FIVE

S	L	O	B	S
C	I	V	E	T
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STRIKE OUT

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SUDOKU

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4	6	8	7	1	2	5	3	9
7	1	9	5	8	3	2	4	6
2	3	5	4	6	9	8	1	7

MENSA PUZZLE
E: each group of four circles is reversed.

QUOTE UNCODE
He knows all about art, but he doesn't know what he likes.

BULL'S EYE
GOURMET, gout, grout, morgue, mute, rogue, rouge, rout, route, tour, true, urge

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, Le, Lee, Leek, Sleek, Kneels, Kennels.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 2 + 9 – 5 = 9
Medium
6 – 3 + 8 – 7 = 4
Hard
4 + 8 – 7 x 5 = 25

LOOP

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#Daunting— Actress Sonakshi Sinha, who has also stepped into the world of business with her nail label, said that being an entrepreneur is a bit more daunting as it doesn't come "naturally to her"

INTERVIEW | CHHAYA KADAM, ACTRESS

'I think that I was born to break the rules'

Chhaya Kadam's debut at the 77th Cannes Film Festival was a spectacle of talent and grace. Stepping onto the international stage, she exuded confidence and charisma, as her performance in Payal Kapadia's All We Imagine As Light won praise. In an exclusive chat with ETimes, the actress sheds light on her cinematic journey, Cannes debut, financial stability and much more.

How did you become the part of All We Imagine as Light?
I got a call from their team for Parvati's character. When I met them, they told me the story and about my character. The moment I heard it, I knew that it was something different. I had heard about director Payal Kapadia, but I got to know her as a person in my first meeting with her. You get a sense of what kind of work is going to happen. When I reached Cannes, I strongly felt that since we had come this far, we wouldn't go back empty-handed.

Tell us about your look at the Cannes.
I don't pay attention to how I look. However, I learned that there are some protocols for different events at Cannes that you need to follow. In short, you need to be tip-top. I asked a few friends who suggested that I consult a fashion designer. Plus, it has to be in your budget. So, I got a stylist Neha Chaudhari, and told her that I needed different looks but I needed something that was 'me' in them. I wanted something that was connected to my soil. I wanted to wear something comfortable. The stylist told me that I was going to represent India at an international level and told me what could work.

What kind of feeling did you have after the response to your film? What do people think about Indian cinema there?
They respect Indian cinema. They don't know the language but they had tears in their eyes both happy and sad. The applause didn't stop. People kept coming to meet and greet us. Only cinema can do this. And it can happen only at Cannes. Here, in India, there are so many restrictions on cinema. If I am playing a sex worker, I won't wear a neatly draped sari and use sophisticated language. My attire and language will be colourful. There's a lot of policing about religion and culture here. So, we get to express ourselves through stories that we believe in at such film film festivals. I think that I was born to break the rules.

Tell us about your journey so far
I started working in 2006. I didn't have a family background in films. I started with doing one-scene roles. You need to start somewhere. I did a play titled Jhulwa directed by Professor Vaman Kendre. It was my first play and it is very important to me because my confidence got a boost because of it.

So, I did whatever work came my way and I gave my best. People say different things about the film industry but it is true for every field. I connected with many good people, who are now family to me – Nagraj Manjule, Ravi Jadhav, Mahesh Manjrekar, Shashank Shende, and Manoj Bajpayee to name a few. I am single. I never married. You change as you grow old and gain life experiences.

How important is money to you?
I used to think that money is important. But when I started working, I realised that first, work is important.
Chase work, money will chase you. I don't have too many expenses. I want a home and two meals a day. I don't have too many lifestyle shenanigans. I am neither a party person nor a café hopper. My lifestyle is such that even if I don't get work in the future, I won't be tense. I will go back to my village. I have a home there.

How much has cinema changed in terms of female characters and stories since you started working?
The cinema I watched since my childhood was different. Those used to be hero-heroine kind of films. A hero alone would fight ten goons. The actress would cry a lot when she was sorrowful. When I started working, I realized how fake it was. The start of my career was with realistic You have to cry from within. The audience today wants to see stories and characters they can relate to.

— ETimes

'Big step for Black women'

American actor Halle Berry recalled shooting for the 1994's 'The Flintstones' and how her role was a "big step" for Black women in the entertainment industry, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The Oscar-winning actress took to social media to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the live-action movie, based on the 1960s cartoon series of the same name.

"I thought it might be really cool to look at some of my scenes because I legit haven't seen this movie in probably 20 years," Berry said in the Instagram video. She played Fred Flintstone's (John Goodman) seductive secretary, Sharon Stone, in the film.

After seeing the first clip, the Catwoman star praised the film's music, her character's voice, and her "iconic" hairdo from the period. She eventually recognised the significance of her casting.

"Being a Black woman in Bedrock seemed like a little thing but, you know, The Flintstones was the fabric of our culture," Berry explained. "I knew that this was a big step forward for Black people, Black women especially."

She added, "While it was silly, and it was over the top and campy, I knew then how important this little part in this big movie actually would be."

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SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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New language

Director-cum-producer KM Shashidhar is busy with his foray into Mollywood from Sandalwood. Shashidhar has bankrolled three Kannada and handled the megaphone for Sugarless. Now, he is set to make debut as a director in Malayalam with the movie Cibil Score.

"I am very happy to get this opportunity. The movie is expected to go on floors in July. As of now, we are busy with the preparations for the shooting. I agreed to handle the megaphone for this movie because of its story that relates to all those who want to avail a loan from financial institutions," said Shashidhar.

According to him, Sreenath Bhasi will play the lead. "Though I cannot read Malayalam, I can understand the language. I used to watch many Malayalam movies and it helps me to feel the pulse of audiences. Sreenath Bhasi is a well-known actor in the Malayalam film industry," he said.

Theater to movies

Suvish, an upcoming actor in Sandalwood, played a key character in Ravichandran-starrer Judgment that was released recently.

The Tumakuru boy who now lives in Bengaluru was passionate about theater which made him come to Bengaluru after completing Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) in Tumkur. His parents were particular about him completing the BE and getting a job but he was interested in theater and drama. After working for two years, he had to quit the job to associate with a theater group and later become a dubbing artist. He has worked as a dubbing artist for 400 movies. "I dubbed in Kannada for the supporter of the villain (Vinayakan) in Rajinikanth-starrer Jailer. I also dubbed for Vikram in the Kannada version of Ponniyin Selvan. I was on the moon when director Maniratnam approved my dubbing in that movie. I met Vikram when he came to Bengaluru to attend Ponniyin Selvan promotional programmes. He encouraged me and appreciated my dubbing skills," he said.

He has acted in seven Kannada movies till date. Matte Udhbhava was his maiden movie while Judgment is his latest movie.